Rs. 870 crore under NREGP as a sizeable number of persons, who want jobs under this scheme have not yet go any job;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the status of the proposal; and

(c) the time-frame within which the above amount would be sanctioned and the State apprised of the position, if not already done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government of Orissa on 22.8.2006 has sent a proposal for release of next installment of Rs. 869.89 crores for the State under NREGA during the current financial year. As per the procedure prescribed for release of funds under the Act, utilisation certificates showing at least 60% utilization of funds released earlier needs to be submitted alongwith a proposal for release of next installment. As 16 districts of Orissa fulfilled the criteria for release of further funds under the Act, a sum of Rs. 396.96 crore has been released by the Ministry *vide* sanction order dated 14.9.2006.

Vigilance mechanism for rural development programmes

852. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had asked the State Governments to evolve a strict vigilance mechanism to ensure accuracy of muster rolls in the rural development programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government had reacted to Governments directives, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Under the wage employment schemes namely, National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) and Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), maintenance of muster rolls is mandatory. The Ministry of Rural Development has issued detailed guidelines to the State Governments for strict Vigilance Mechanism to ensure accuracy of the muster rols.

(b) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act guidelines provide to set up local Vigilance and Monitoring Committees and Members of Committee are to be trained. State Government has been requested to initiate 100% muster roll verification exercise. Guidelines regarding muster roll verification have been provided to the State Governments and Programme Co-ordinators. Similarly the SGRY guidelines stipulate for maintenance of muster roll for each work separately in stictched form with numbered and to be made available to the public on demand. For each work taken up up by the Village Panchayat, copies of muster rolls duly certified by Panchayat Secretary are required to be placed before the Gram Sabha.

(c) and (d) State Governments reports on muster roll verification are received continuously by the Ministry. Some States like Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh and Civil Societies organization have started social audit process.

Convergence of service delivery system with MEGS

853. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the second Adminstrative Reforms Commission has suggested that various service delivery systems converge with the National Employment Guarantee Scheme to improve life in rural households;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the guaranteed employment for 100 days to households is not sufficient; and

(d) if so, whether Government are considering to enhance the number of days?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of the Commission are under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The NREG Act, 2005 provides a legal guarantee of 100 days of employment to every rural household in a financial year on